

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0007] with the following amended paragraph:

[0007] As can be seen in FIG. 3, the module 100 is inserted into an opening 12 in the hearing instrument housing 10. The shape of the opening 12 conforms to the peripheral surface 106 of the module 100. The hearing instrument housing 10 has inside and outside surfaces 20 and 30, respectively, that define a generally planar outer surface 40 near the opening 12 (see Figure 4). As shown in the figures (see Figures 3, 4, 5, 6, and 8), the upper surface 102 has a flange 112 that rests on the outside surface 30 of the hearing instrument housing 10 and prevents the module 100 from falling through the opening 12. Latches 110 on the module 100 mate with protrusions 14 on the inside surface 20 of the hearing instrument housing 10 and serve to keep the module 100 in place after insertion in the opening 12. However, notwithstanding the presence of the latches 110, a significant amount of force may be applied to the door 200 when it is used to assist in removal of the hearing instrument from the user's ear that could result in dislodging the module 100 from the hearing instrument housing 10.